

REMARKS

The amendments to the specification are being made to update the priority data, and to correct a typographical error. This latter error in the specification was noted by Applicants after receipt of the Written Opinion from the International Searching Authority, and corrected sheets were provided. Copies of Applicants' correspondence with the International Searching Authority describing the error are attached.

The amendments to the claims are being made to change certain claim dependencies and to place the claims in a format that better conforms with U.S. patent prosecution practice. Applicants respectfully submit that no new matter is believed to have been added by the amendments. Claims 1-19 and 21 are active.

Except for issue fees payable under 37 C.F.R. 1.18, the Commissioner is hereby authorized by this paper to charge any additional fees during the entire pendency of this application including fees due under 37 C.F.R. 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required, including any required extension of time fees, or to credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0310. This paragraph is intended to be a **constructive petition for extension of time** in accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a)(3).

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